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those applications, taking into account population scarcity, location remoteness and, I would highlight, other factors including financial need. Now, if the proposed agreement between the county and the provider is with a provider that's making 30 percent return and showing tremendous profits and has the financial wherewithal to invest in this service, I would submit that that's a factor for the Public Service Commission to put into the...into their considerations in whether to give the grant to that entity or whether to give it to this entity over here that is proposing to provide a much needed service but they're only showing a modest profit; they're tapped out in terms of capital investment. Those are factors that we have allowed to be considered in the bill and I would hope that some acknowledgement would be made of that. Secondly, and again I simply take exception with the suggestion by Senator Chambers that this bill was drawn by the suits out in the hall. I personally invested the time to come down here before we went into session and spent many hours speaking with all members of the...of the interested communities, whether it be power districts, cities, or telephone companies. Based on those discussions and my assessment of what kind of a tightrope we could draw that might not only be politically acceptable but would have some practical benefit,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...my staff and I drew the bill, and I can't say that any other way. Now I know that generally the telephone companies are supportive of this and it's because we're drawing a line of demarkation saying that the public entities shall not enter into the business of being telecommunications providers. That has been a big question mark in this state for many years and it's being tested in court right now so they want...they want that guideline to be drawn. And I happen to feel that they shouldn't be in the business and so the telephone companies agree with that; many of the utilities, some of them, do not.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: And so that's my response. Thank you very much.